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The Pacific Coast league has practically come into organized baseball, but it does not come into the National Association of Minor Leagues on the same footing as the other members. The Pacific league, which embraces six clubs on the coast, will enter into tions provided it is agreed that its reserve list be respected.

ican leagues and the general rules of profession. During the action of the the minor league association. This burlesque, there will be introduced question Ned Hanlen will bring up for the famous "Dance-du-Frolique," by discussion before the National Asso- eight French dancers, and it is asciation of Minor Leagues, which he serted that they are bound to ererepresented at the meeting in San ate a furore. Francisco, on his return east. There s no doubt but that the conditions

and Ned Hanlon on the side of eastern, flood scene in the second act, without organized baseball, and Mesers, Bert, a doubt one of the most sensational Harris and Morley, of the Pacific and exciting scenes now being pro-Coast league. When the meeting ad- duced. The street fair, the fight in the journed it was felt by all the eastern mansion, the breaking of the old dam members of the conference that the area few of the many other scenes to Pacific Coast league had practically be seen. New scenery and specialties joined the National Association of are also carried. Popular prices. . Minor Leagues.

Meeting is Called. N. Y., secretary of the board.

## The Stage.

Feb. 3-Sam T. Jack's Burlesquers. Feb. 4.- "Just Struck Town." Feb. 5 .- "York State Folks."

The monotony of musical comedy it does not appear that the patrons of the death of serious productions, for even such a far-famed actor a Charles B. Hanford was unable to at- FINISH THEIR SENTENCE: tract an audience of respectable proportions. "Richard III." was presented and in a manner that was highly was faultless throughout, the scenic investiture and costuming were on a be superfluous, for there are few followers of the drama in the city who day afternoon. The sentence of the have not seen him in one of the trage- prisoners expired this merning. dy roles he has been enacting for the past 25 years, having appeared in support of Booth, Barrett and others near Twenty-fourth street, by the powhose memories shine in the theatrical firmament. He is every inch the one room. The police had been tabartist, and nowhere is this displayed bing the fellows since their arrival to better advantage than in the varying moods called for in the character They were suspected of being crooks of Richard. There was a large com- and of having a hen on, but as the pany in his support, headed by Miss police did not have any direct evi-Marie Drofnah, a most capable dence against them, the best they

nother opportunity to see that pretcal American village life made a really remarkable impression upon its a competent court of criminal jurislast visit, both because of the uncon- diction and that they should remain ventional realism of the story and at the jail until the expiration of the character drawing, and the very unusual attention given to perfection of detail in the mounting of the scenes. DEBATES TO DISCUSS "York State Folks" takes rank as the foremost of American plays in these respects. The story of the play appeals irresistibly to all classes because Matthew, of this city, and the St. tion ring act, except that she wears a of the truthfulness of human nature Aloysius society of St. Joseph's long skirt instead of the abbreviated which it depicts. Its comedy and its church, Davenport, are to meet in de- costume of the majority of circus ripathos are absolutely true to life, and bate Tuesday evening. Feb. 16, in Day-ders. Mile. Annette, one of the brightpresses all who see it. Many of the of which was the purpose of The circus world affords, is just as pretty designed them accomplished what on the ragged edge of hostilities with no introduction. Their lofty tumbling none of his predecessors have ever Japan over the Korean peninsular act is stronger than ever and their before succeeded in doing to such a commerce. The subject of the debate quadruple return act, mid-air somer- MERCHANTS degree. Those who saw the production will be: "Resolved, That arbitration here have talked so much about it, can be made a substitute for war."

COMES INTO FOLD and those who did not have expressed PIONEER IS Gorman has secured "York State Folks" for next Friday evening. The Pacific Baseball League Has sents for this engagement will be Mrs. Mary A. Freek Expires at placed on sale this morning, and it is expected that the advance sale will be

The attraction at the Illinois this evening will be Sam T. Jack's own bur- BURIED TODAY AT ALBANY life of the strongest man. Burt Mayo, lesque company and there is no question but that there will be an ava-Of National Board of Arbitration lanche of fun and jollity from the Capt. J. G. Suiter, Veteran of River, fact that this company is fully equipped with a class of talent that should make the performance go fast and furious. In the company there will be found 20 bewitching damsels that can sing, dance and pose. The comedy element is said to be more than elever dova. She was one of the pioneers of and ample opportunities are given to Whiteside county, having located at show the eccentric drollery. The bur- Albany in 1854. She and her husband, lesques, and there are two of themone called "A Night at the Circus" and en wedding anniversary in 1897. Fuharmony with the eastern organiza- the other "The Reyal Princess," are neral services were held today at the new and original, and entirely out of residence of Dr. Freek, Interment the regular rut. The ofic is exception was at Albany. In return it will recognize the re- ally strong and novel, furnished by erve lists of the National and Amer- well-known members of the vaudeville

Jule Walters' new play, "Just Struck Town," with an excellent cast This was the result of the meeting will be produced here tomorrow evetween Ban Johnson, James A. Hart ening. The play has the wonderful

Al Hayman, Klaw & Erlanger, rep-M. H. Sexton, of this city, chairman resenting the big theatrical syndicate, of the national board of arbitration, and Stair & Haylin, who centrol 100 has issued a call for a special meeting popular priced playhouses in the variof the board, to be held at the Hol- ous cities, have combined interests. lender hotel, Cleveland, Feb. 23. This The syndicate agrees that all its popmeeting will consider the terms of ular priced theatres shall be booked the peace agreement entered into yes- by Stair & Havlin, and the latter agree terday at San Francisco between the not to give the use of their theatres representatives of organized baseball to high priced stars or companies, and representatives of the Pacific The contract stipulates that Stair & Coast (outlaw) league. Several other Havlin's Majestic theatre, in New matters of vital importance to minor York, and either the Globe theatre or leagues will also be disposed of at this the Majestic theatre, in Boston, are to meeting. The members of the board retain high prices, and that the syndiare: M. H. Sexton, Rock Island, cate will cooperate with Stair & Havchairman; T. H. Murnane, Boston, lin in booking these two houses. The Mass.; James H. O'Rourke, Bridge- object of the agreement is to form at port, Conn.; Judge W. M. Kavenaugh, once a local managers' association in Little Rock, Ark.; W. H. Lucas, Ta- each city of the country to regulate coma, Wash.; J. H. Farrell, Auburn, the local situation. In such cities as Buffalo, Cleveland, St. Louis, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Cincinnati, Denver, San imore, and interior points they con trol practically all theatres excepting burlesque and vaudeville houses, and included in the managers' association which is to be formed. The parties to this new "combine" state that such theatres as the Tremont, in Boston. or the Grand opera house, in Chicago, and theatres in New York which are was broken by a Shakespearean offer- not included in the syndicate, will not three rings at one time for so long a ing at the Illinois last evening. But in any way be excluded from doing business with either one of the parthe theatre are losing any sleep over ties. The agreement covers a period of seven years.

HABEAS CORPUS IS DENIED creditable and deserving of a full James Murray, D. C. Nichols, William sized ring, built in the center of the house. Aside from the acting, which Bellmond, J. J. O'Brien and W. E. Phil- rink of dirt, laid on planks and cinders lips were released today from the scale of lavishness seldom witnessed county jail, where they have been else both horses and riders are thrown in a Shakespearean road production, serving a month's sentence for vagran- out of pitch. And the beauty of it is Comment on Mr. Hanford's interpre- cy. Judge Graves denying the writ of that the audience doesn't have to tation of Richard, one of the most habeas corpus asked in their behalf villainous of the many characters by their attorney; J. F. Witter, The court announced his opinion yester- The great room is brilliantly lighted

The seven men were arrested in the lice early one morning, all sleeping in from Chicago a few days previous. could do was to charge vagrancy. Local theatre patrons are to have commenced on the ground that the mittimus was insufficient, the defendtiest of all rural plays, "York State ants not having signed a jury waiver, Folks." This charming story of typi- as required by law. Judge Graves held that they had been sentenced by terms they were sent down for.

ARBITRATION AND WAR t is the sense of reality which im- enport. The debate is on the solution est stars on the flying rings that the scenes are actually impressive in their Hague conference, and the cordial as when she was first seen, and much imple naturalness, and the artist who wish of the czar, who is now almost more clever. The DaComa family need

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## DEAD

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Capt. J. G. Sulter.

Capt. J. G. Suiter, a former wellknown rapids pilot, died at the home of his nephew, Capt. J. Suiter, in Le tion, standing upon his head on the Claire, at 7 o'clock yesterday morning. Deceased was born in Sangamon county, Illinois, Nov. 11, 1825, and came STRUCK BY FLY WHEEL to this neighborhood in 1836. He spent the greater part of his life in the rafting business on the rapids. He was married three times and his last wife at which he was working in his blackdied some years ago. His brother smith shop at Coal Valley yesterday died a couple of weeks ago. He is afternoon breaking off struck Hugh survived by a sen, Frank Suiter, and a Martin a terrific blow in the abdomen, laughter, Mrs. Bart Stone, of Le inflicting a gash that exposed the in-Claire. Two brothers living in De- testines, and gave fears that he was Witt also survive him. The funeral mortally wounded. However, towards will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 night he improved, and the announceo'clock from the Baptist church at ment was made today that he would Le Claire. Interment will be made in recover. Mr. Martin is 28 years of the Le Claire cemetery.

Jonas H. Wistrand Jonas H. Wistrand, formerly treasover of Augustana college and Augustana syned, having filled the forner position for 20 years, died at 6 o'clock this morning at his home in Moline. He was 70 years of age and settled in Moline in 1875. He is survived by his wife and five children.

Burial of John Condon. The funeral services over the remains of John Condon were conducted by Rev. Father J. F. Lockney at Sacred Heart church at 9 o'clock this merning. The pallbearers were John Blake, Patrick Malone, John Brennan. David Fitzgerald, Pearce Keane and P. H. Kelley. Interment was at Calvary cemetery.

#### ANOTHER PLEASED CROWD AT SHIPP'S INDOOR CIRCUS

The second performance of Shipp's last evening attracted another large and well pleased crowd, the cold in most cases these theatres are to be wenther seemingly not having any effect on the attendance.

Mr. Shipp is the "ringmaster." He

has worn his "swallow tail" coat, cracked his long whip, answered the quips of the clowns and directed the movement of the exhibitions in the period that he couldn't be bribed to stay out. Of course the indoor circus opens with a band concert, by Bleuer's band, and of course there is a "grand entree," followed by the equine ballet, a conceit new popular with all the great shows and which was originated by Mr. Shipp. The same white John Wagner, Henry Kirschoff, horses are ridden into a regulation and covered with clean sawdust. The ring must be of exactly standard size. look across a block of ground to see the ring; there is no "hippodrome track" between the ring and the seats. and if the performer's costumes were not all spotlessly clean the slightest soiled place would be seen. But ev-Baker lodging house on Third avenue, erything is clean, new and just as good as Barnum. Forepaugh or the Ringlings would have. And there isn't word or action on the part of any performer that even a Sunday school superintendent could take exception to. That's why Shipp's indoor circus always draws wherever it goes; that's why the press of the cities visited always feel obliged to say the kindest possible things of Ed Shipp The habeas corpus proceeding was and the people who comprise his com-

Tastes differ so widely that no one person could possibly decide what is the best feature of the big show. One spectator does not like to watch the trapeze and aerial work-it makes him hudder to think of the danger; another does not like the contortionist work-it reminds him of a snake, and so on through the list. But there are features enough to please all and some hat cannot fail to delight everybody n the indoor circus. Miss Lowande, Brauch No. 83, Knights of Father queen of equestriennes, does a regulasaults across the entire arena, is eney, undoubtedly the world's greatest

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vaulting exhibition of John and Carrie Rooney is also clever in the extreme. Signer Ponsol and his wrestling Russian bear come in for a good share of the applause. The big bear has been taught to do a number of interesting tricks, but the wrestling act is a wonder, appreciated only by those who can realize that with one fierce hug the big brown brute could end the his educated stallions and trick mules give the real circus flavor to the evening's entertainment. A new and stellar feature of the program is Pascatel, the man with 100 forms, who does an artistic posturing act sented on the six inch cap of a 10-foot pedestal and closes with a remarkable exhibition on the trapeze. Miss Mattie Carroll does a clever slack wire act, dancing the cakewalk, jumping over high objects, through hoops and riding a bieyele. Pete Bell and a number of somersault artists introduce some sensational spring-board acts, turning over horses. Steve Miaco, Phil King and George Zammert, the clowns, mix up their work in an effort to to please both coung and old, and Frank Smith, the upside-down man, holds the audience breathless with his startling exhibibar of a swinging tapeze.

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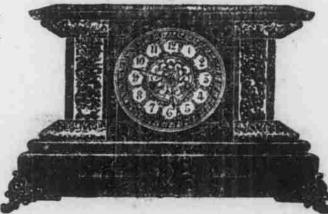
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